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DISPATCH NO. [REDACTED]-0226

26 October 1956

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TO : [REDACTED]

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FROM : [REDACTED]

SUBJECT : GENERAL - OPERATIONS

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Specific: [REDACTED] (Commander's Report)

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1. This is Commander's Report on Mission No. 1312, [REDACTED] flown on 25 October 1956, [REDACTED]

2. Mission planning, preparation and briefing: Excellent.

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3. [REDACTED] performance: Excellent. Deviation from briefed track did not exceed five miles.

4. Weather: As forecast by Weather Central unknown. Weather undercast to Target A, from Target A to Target D intermittently scattered to broken. From Target D to termination was clear.

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5. [REDACTED] R-6 and L-8 shutters had only  $1\frac{1}{2}$  turns operating tension on postflight check. Vertical shutter malfunction occurred at undetermined time. Tracker failed after 400 feet due to burned out main drive motor. Failure due to pin shearing in rewind coupling.

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6. [REDACTED] (S Band) operated throughout mission satisfactorily. Activity noted in [REDACTED] area diminishing to almost nil after leaving continent.

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7. [REDACTED] performance: Excellent.

8. Summary:

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- a. The overall mission results are extremely doubtful in view of the malfunctions in the camera equipment. The tracker malfunction occurred prior to the target area so that no tracker vertical coverage was obtained. The amount of vertical coverage obtained with the [REDACTED] is dependent entirely on when the vertical shutter malfunction occurred. The oblique coverage, while the quality may suffer somewhat, should be acceptable.

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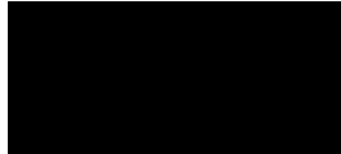
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b. The mission as it was expressed in Operations Order from Headquarters had many impossible turns and in [REDACTED] opinion poorly planned. A need for a tactical doctrine or mission planning becomes more and more evident, see Dispatch No. [REDACTED]-0146, dated 8 October 1956.

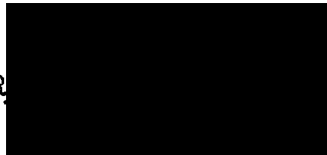
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